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I believe DDS's comments on our Recommendations 3, 5, 6a and 7 are responsive enough to require no rebuttal on my part.

On Recommendation No. 4 I believe that the record will show that it has taken about seven years on the average from the time an employee enters on duty until he completes the apprentice program. We believe that with modern training techniques which ought to be available to us in 1966 this period of time could be substantially reduced. With the difficulties being encountered in recruiting and with many PSD people nearing retirement age, we believe PSD will be stretched very thin indeed in a few years unless something like we suggest is done.

On Recommendation 6b I continue to feel strongly that the sensitivity and amount of the intelligence processed by PSD makes it a logical high priority espionage target. Is there really any reason why this can't be recognized and the reinvestigation program appropriately adjusted?

On Recommendation No. 8 we recognize that there are only two safety officers and that the demands on them are considerable. However, we brought the safety and housekeeping problems to their attention in the course of our survey early last June. Since receipt of Howard Osborn's memorandum of 23 August 1966 (copy attached) I have asked our inspectors to give special emphasis to safety in the course of our surveys. Is it unreasonable to expect a plan for dealing with PSD's safety problems six months after our initial discussions of them with the Agency Safety Office in view of the President's program and the steps being taken by the Agency to implement it?

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